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The past two months have been occupied mainly with travel. As soon as the early summer regional conventions ended, we started on two buying trips. To make a long story short, we are back at the office with three large collections and several boxes of other coins to show for our efforts.

Speaking of regional conventions, the $2,850.00 we paid for the Proof 1864-L cent at the Penn-Ohio gathering in Cleveland caused quite a stir and considerable comment. Despite remarks that we paid too much and would never be able to sell it, one day later the coin had a new owner. If you consider that the 1864-L cent in Proof condition is about equal to the 1884 trade dollar in rarity, the valuation given the rare Indian cent seems quite reasonable.

By now the 18th edition of the Guidebook of U.S. Coins has been rather well distributed. With respect to format the **Guidebook** remains essentially unchanged from the previous edition. There have been a few new coins added here and there notably in the territorial gold and colonial sections. In the regular United States listings the ever-popular 1955 double die Lincoln cent is presented for the first time. This will undoubtedly create more interest than ever in the most spectacular die error of modern times. In view of the current buy offers and asking prices and in view of high sales records (An uncirculated specimen in our auction of March 31, 1959 sold for $78.50 on a bid of $95.00) the **Guidebook** valuations of $30 EF and $50 Uncirculated seem to be a little on the low side. Elsewhere in the book, following the usual trend, the prices of nearly all series are revised upward.

Last, but not least, of our commentaries on the **Guidebook** is a word of praise for the listing (for the first time) of many series in Extremely Fine condition. This makes more definite the valuations in the long twilight zone between Fine and Uncirculated conditions.

A letter from Whitman Publishing Company advises us that Dr. J. Hewitt Judd's new U.S. pattern coin book is to be printed in the Fall. Many of the Adams and Woodin errors and omissions will be corrected and a more satisfactory arrangement will be adopted. As copies of the Adams and Woodin reference on the subject are as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth, the new pattern book should be a great success.

While we are on the subject of books, we might mention that the Library Edition of Empire Topics is now ready for distribution. The first six issues of our publication bound together as a single volume will make a worthwhile addition to your reference library and should provide interesting reading-particularly if you missed any of the issues in question. Five hundred copies of the Library Edition have been prepared. Should you want a copy, the price is $7.50 postpaid.

Civil War cent collectors [illegible] readers will be interested to learn that [illegible] acquired two [illegible] of the first [illegible] Civil War cents described by Hetrich & Gutting [illegible]

The article, "The Transitional Coins of America", [illegible] the last issue of Empire Topics was drawn [illegible] favorable comment. We have been invited to submit a descriptive listing of the six coins for inclusion in the upcoming edition of the **Standard Catalogue** to be published around the first of next year. A tentative listing of pricing suggestions will be included — something that was lacking in our original presentation of the series.

Empire Coin Company's color ad in the July issue of the Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine produced a flood of postcards and letters to this office. Most were requests for sample copies of Empire Topics (which is what the ad was about), but others were compliments on another relatively untried in numismatic advertising. Our July ad was the first color ad ever to be run in the pages of the Scrapbook.

Eric P. Newman writes about the mystery of the Machin's Mills mint in this issue. Now and then someone will ask us about writing articles for Empire Topics. We would welcome any manuscripts concerning items of general American numismatic interest. Should you have any ideas on the subject, we would be glad to correspond with you concerning further details.

If your summer vacation plans (or any travel plans, for that matter) include New York state, plan to stop in Johnson City for a visit. Many of our customers have done just that. If you would like us to do so, we will make reservations for you at nearby Binghamton's new Sheraton Hotel. We will look forward to seeing you.

Due to a recent expansion of our mailing facilities we are now able to post on to 10 orders for of type of numismatic reference books, coin albums, and other related items. All standard brands are carried in stock. Make Empire Coin Company your headquarters for numismatic supplies.

This issue features an unusual selection of pieces: United States coins in all series, in price ranges. May we suggest that you let us know your choice whenever possible, so that we may keep track of your preferences. May we suggest also that [illegible] of our particular specialties [illegible] kept to [illegible] Very [illegible]

QUESTIONS FROM READERS

In your Empire Topics #6 listing of Civil War cents from the Udall collection you describe four of the pieces as having been struck over U. S. dimes. How did you determine that dimes were used instead of plain silver planchets - by weight or is part of the dime design still readable?

The four Civil War cents in question all show the dime design plainly underneath (see an enlarged photo of one of the pieces above). The original edge reeding of the dimes still remains — and, as you mention, the weights are the same. In addition to dime overstrikes Civil War cents are known (and are quite rare) struck over U. S. copper-nickel Flying eagle and Indian cents as well as over other Civil War cents. In their reference Hetrich and Gutting list quarters struck over a U. S. quarter and an English shilling.

What are the mintage figures of the 1883 Hawaiian silver coinage?

In late 1883 and early 1884 the United States Mint at San Francisco struck coins for the Hawaiian government in the following quantities:

Dimes	[illegible]
Quarters	[illegible]
Half dollars	[illegible]
Dollars	[illegible]

The dimes, pieces in half dollars and dollars were of one million dollars [illegible] of the coins produced. Dates [illegible] were dated on the coins following the U. S. [illegible] of Hawaii on July [illegible] 1883.

The four denominations of 1883 are [illegible] scarce today. [illegible] obtainable in Uncirculated condition [illegible] quarter due to the discovery [illegible] hoard. A very [illegible] at Hawaiian [illegible] Proof sets were struck [illegible] A complete set [illegible] trade and patterns [illegible] of Hawaiian [illegible]

I have heard that a few 1958 Lincoln cents were struck with the new 1959 commemorial reverse. Do you know anything about this?

[illegible]

pieces and also of the existence of 1959 cents with the old 1958 reverse.

Several months ago a friend of ours said that he could obtain for us a part roll of 1959 cents with the 1958 reverse—at a cost of several hundred dollars per coin. We told him to go ahead and buy the coins for us. To make a long story short, it was the usual rumor. Someone had reliably heard about them from another person who in turn had heard about them from another person, and so on.

Whereupon our friend wrote a letter to the Mint inquiring about the possibility of these coins having been struck. This letter soon received a reply stating that none were struck and, under present precautions, none could be.

What is the meaning of VOTE THE LAND FREE counterstamped on an 1845 large cent?

The large cent to which you refer is one of a quantity of cents which were counterstamped VOTE THE LAND FREE for use as campaign tokens in the Free Soil Party's 1848 campaign (with past president Martin Van Buren as candidate) for the U.S. presidency. The Free Soil Party polled an insignificant number of votes and lost the office to Zachary Taylor, the Whig party candidate.

The VOTE THE LAND FREE counterstamp is found on various large cents all dated before 1848. The Gould-Gilbody collection of counterstamped large cents, which we are now in the process of cataloguing, contains VOTE THE LAND FREE on cents of 1812, 1816, 1819, 1836, 1837, 1839, 1840 and 1845 with duplicates of some of the dates. A specimen from this collection is illustrated above.

I have an 1864 L Indian cent with the date and most of the obverse lettering recut. Have you ever noticed any other 1864 L cents similar to this?

We have seen several 1864 L cents with all of the obverse lettering and the date recut. Many different varieties of the 1864 L cent exist with different obverse figures or letters either partially or wholly recut. The 18th edition of the Standard Catalogue mentions on page 80 that at least fifteen die varieties of this particular coin are known. A collection of different 1864 L cent varieties would make an interesting collection by itself. One of our readers has reported the identification of eighteen different varieties of the 1864 L obverse.

TERMS OF SALE

1. Preference given to orders with remittance enclosed. Check or money order preferred to c. h. An order blank and postpaid envelope have been enclosed for your convenience. Approvals to those who have established credit. The usual three day approval and return period applies in all instances.
2. A prompt refund will be given on all unfilled orders. No credit slips or delayed payments. A list of second choices will be appreciated and will be used only when the first items requested have been sold.
3. No minimum order. We pay postage and private insurance costs on all orders, regardless of size. Coin orders airmailed outside of the Pennsylvania-New York area.
4. All items are guaranteed to be as represented. If for any reason you find an item to be unsatisfactory, a prompt refund will be given. Our best customer is a satisfied customer.

Colonial and State Coins

Massachusetts Bay Colony

1652 Pine Tree threepence. Fine condition, without any impairments. Reverse worn at top. A nice example of this scarce coin — 42.50

1652 Pine Tree shilling. Small planchet. Date 1652 and denomination XII are sharp. Fine. The balance of the coin is Abt. Good. The coin has been evenly clipped, reducing the diameter somewhat. A good buy for — 22.50

Maryland

Silver Lord Baltimore shilling. Very Fine condition. A definite rarity, particularly in this condition — 197.50

Mark Newby (New Jersey) Coinage (1678)

Halfpenny. Very Good, scarce — [illegible]

Farthing. Abt. G $3.50, VG $7.50, Fine $15.00. Very Fine — 18.[illegible]

Rosa Americana

1725 twopence. Extremely Fine choice — 2[illegible].50

Hibernia (Wood's Coinage)

1725 Halfpenny. Abt. G $1.50, Very Fine — [illegible]

Virginia

1773 Halfpenny Period after GEORGIVS. Brilliant Uncirculated, one of the very few Colonial coins obtainable in this condition — 15.50

New York

NOVA EBORAC [illegible] Good [illegible]

[illegible] Very Good [illegible]

Confederatio Bar [illegible] Newburgh N.Y. [illegible] Very Fine [illegible]

Good or better [illegible] Very Fine [illegible]

Vermont

[illegible] VERMONTENSIUM [illegible] Good [illegible] VG [illegible]

[illegible] Ryder [illegible] Good [illegible]

[illegible] Ryder [illegible] VG [illegible]

[illegible] BRITANNIA [illegible] Fine [illegible]

[illegible] Ryder [illegible] Good [illegible]

Massachusetts

[illegible] Good [illegible]

1788 or 1788 cent VG [illegible]

New Jersey

Unique 1786 Date Under Plow Beam Cent

[illegible] New Jersey cent. Mint State 66. Good condition. This is the discovery [illegible] on page [illegible] of Empire Expo [illegible]. An [illegible] opportunity for a collector of New Jersey cents to [illegible] this unique coin. [illegible]

Collection of twenty five different 1786, 1787 and 1788 New Jersey cents. Condition runs from About Good to Fine. Average Good or better. An excellent beginning for a collector of the type of the New Jersey series. [illegible]

Connecticut

[illegible] Good [illegible] Fine [illegible] Good and [illegible] Fine [illegible] SPECIAL [illegible] Good [illegible] Fine $1.50 Ex-[illegible] Fine [illegible]

Collection of twenty different Connecticut coins, various dates and varieties. Good [illegible] Fine [illegible]

French Colonies

[illegible] Mint [illegible] H [illegible]

[illegible] Nice Fine Very Fine [illegible]

[illegible] Good [illegible] KL VI [illegible]

Nova Constellatio

[illegible] VG [illegible]

[illegible] VG [illegible]

[illegible] VG [illegible] Fine [illegible]

[illegible] KL [illegible]

[illegible] Fine [illegible] Very Fine [illegible]

Talbot, Allum & Lee Cents

[illegible] Very Fine [illegible]

1794 TA & L [illegible] JOHN HOWARD [illegible] Listed in the Goodbody VF Special [illegible] Very [illegible]

Hephant Tokens

(1694) Hephant token GOD PRESERVE LONDON Black patina. Very Fine [illegible]

Georgvs Triumpho

1788 Good [illegible] Alt. Fine [illegible]

Kentucky Cent

(1792) cent Glossy brown Fine. Calculated [illegible]

Franklin Press

[illegible] Franklin Press AE. Light coin clip made at time of striking [illegible]

Rhode Island Token Restrike

Restrike of the Rhode Island token Brass Unc. [illegible]

Castorland

1796 Castorland medal restrike in copper Matte Proof SPECIAL [illegible]

1796 Castorland restrike in silver Matte Proof SPECIAL PRICE [illegible]

Pair of silver and copper restrikes as above [illegible]

Five pairs of Castorland five cent copper Proof restrikes Unc. [illegible]

1796 Proof restrike in gold Matte Proof SPECIAL [illegible]

1776 Continental Dollar

1776 Continental Dollar Variety Newman 16-C Very Fine. Choice specimen free from any defects or repetitions. R [illegible] CERRENCY. Hand in pewter. A good buy to [illegible]

Ingio Cents

[illegible] Very Fine [illegible]

[illegible] Good [illegible]

[illegible] Nice [illegible] Good [illegible]

[illegible] Good [illegible]

[illegible] Good [illegible]

[illegible] Nice [illegible]

[illegible] H [illegible] VG [illegible]

[illegible] V [illegible] VG [illegible]

1787 15-Y eight pointed star on reverse Good 8.50
1787 16-H Rarity 6 Very Good 11.00
1787 17-S Rarity 7 VG 18.50
1787 19-Z Raised rims reverse. Noted as Extremely Rare and unpriced in the Guidebook. Fine two small reverse imperfections 35.00
1787 21-I Rarity 7 Good 16.50
1787 104-EE The New Haven restrike Brass [illegible]

Washington Items

1783 UNITY STATES Fine to VF planchet striations (used with this piece) 7.00
(1783) double head cent G-VG 4.75
(1795) Penny A gem coin apparently struck from Proof dies. Most original red coin still remains. Edge lettered AN ASYLUM etc. Really rare in this top preservation 57.50
1776 medal Washington Before Boston Raymond #2 Early restrike in silver Proof Very rare 47.50
The Twigg medal Raymond #10 Obverse bust of Washington Reverse inscription in nine lines Struck in tin Uncirculated 17.50
1783 Peace medal Obverse Washington and Franklin Reverse Eagle with lightning and olive branch hovering over the United States Copper Proof 25.00
1805 Eccleston medal Raymond #28 Obverse Washington and inscription Reverse Standing Indian surrounded by legend INNUMERABLE MILLIONS YET UNBORN WILL VENERATE THE MEMORY, etc. Called a really superb medal by Raymond Bronze Unc [illegible]
1833 Series Numismatica medal Raymond #33 An interesting error with WASHINGTON spelled as WASINGTON Copper Proof rare [illegible]00

Note We have purchased intact the collection of Washington coins and medals formed by the late Robert P. King of Erie Penna. Want lists of Washington items will be welcomed. Most of the medals listed by Raymond in "The Early Medals of Washington" are in stock.

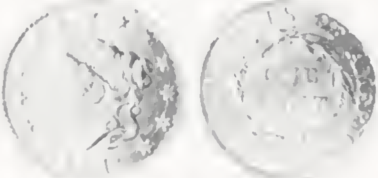
1792 Washington half dollars by Idler
1792 Washington obverse muled with Idler store card reverse Struck in bronze 10.00
1792 as above, same reverse Struck in brass 11.50
1792 as above same reverse Struck in white metal 10.00
Reverse heraldic eagle as used on the Washington half dollar Obverse Idler store card Brass 12.50
Obverse Washington, 1792 Reverse heraldic eagle Bronze 1[illegible].00
Obverse and reverse identical to above White metal 15.00

HALF CENTS

1794 Abt G $17.50, VG-Fine $35.00, Fine but with edge bump $22.50 Obv VF, rev G $35.00, rare variety Gilbert #2 Fine 45.00
1795 lettered edge punctuated date, VG-Fine 32.50
1797 Fair $7.50, Abt Fine $35.00, Fine 40.00
1800 Abt G $2.00 Good $3.50, VG $4.85, Fine 9.50
1803 Good $2.75 VG $3.75 Fine $7.00 VF 9.00
1804 VG $2.75 Fine 4.50
1804 plain 4 stemless Brown Uncirculated 25.00
1804 spiked chin Fine 5.25
1805 Small 5, stemless Fine-VF 7.25
1805 Rare small 5, with stems variety Good-VG 22.50
1806 VG $3.00 Fine $4.50 VF 5.50
1806 Brilliant Uncirculated, scarce 55.00
1806 rare small 6 with stems variety G-VG 16.75
1807 Abt G $1.50, VG $3.25 Fine $6.00 VF 7.75
1808 7 overdate Good 14.75
1808 Fair $1.75 Good $3.25 VG $4.35, Fine $7.00 Fine-Very Fine 8.00
1809 Very Good $2.25 Fine 3.50
1809 6 VG $3.50 Fine 6.75
1810 Fair $1.50 Very Good 4.25
1811 G-VG some pitting in spots Well worth 15.00
1828 13 stars G $1.75 VF $4.50 EF 6.00
1829 Fine 3.75
1832 Fine $3.75 VF $4.00 EF 6.75
1833 Extremely Fine 6.25
1834 VG $2.50 Extremely Fine 6.25
1835 Very Fine 3.00
1837 token HALF CENT WORTH OF PURE COPPER Very Fine 14.50
1842 restrike Proof Slight flatness on high parts of obverse and reverse as struck Extremely rare Priced to sell quickly 125.00
1850 Good $2.25 Fine $5.50 VF $6.50 EF 9.75
1851 Good $2.50, Extremely Fine 5.50
1853 VF $4.00 EF 6.00
1854 Very Fine $4.50 EF $6.00 Brilliant Unc 15.00

[illegible] Very Fine $[illegible] Extremely Fine [illegible]
[illegible] Fine $[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

LARGE CENTS

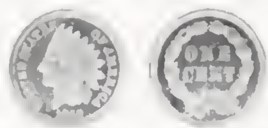


[illegible] Liberty cap [illegible] type [illegible] Abt Good $[illegible]
1794 Abt G $[illegible] Good $[illegible] VG [illegible]
[illegible] Fine [illegible]
1798 [illegible] Very Good 10 [illegible]
1798 Liberty cap Fair 5 [illegible]
1799 [illegible] Abt G 6 [illegible]
1800 Good 5 [illegible]
1800 Abt Good [illegible]
1800 [illegible] Abt Good 2 50
1802 Abt Good 1 [illegible]
1802 Double fraction bar stemless wreath. Well centered Extremely Fine Rare so fine [illegible]
1803 Abt G $1 55 Good [illegible]
1804 Mint restrike [illegible]
1806 Abt G $[illegible] VG $[illegible] Fine [illegible] 50
1807/6 Abt G $2 75 Very Fine 15 00
1807 Abt Good 2 00
1808 [illegible] Fine $[illegible] 50 G VG [illegible] 50
1810 [illegible] Good 4 00
1812 VG [illegible] 50
1813 Abt G $[illegible] Good 6 50
1814 Very Good [illegible]
1816 first year of new type VF-EF $7 50 Beautiful red and brown Uncirculated full lustre 25 00
1817 15 stars Good 1 15
1817 15 star variety [illegible] error Good [illegible]
1818 Good $[illegible] [illegible] Extremely Fine [illegible]
1819 VF $[illegible] [illegible] EF 11 50
1820 [illegible] VF [illegible] [illegible] 50
1822 VF $[illegible] Fine VF 15 50
1825 Abt G $[illegible] Good $[illegible] Fine VF 3 [illegible]
[illegible] Abt G $[illegible] VG Fine [illegible] 50
[illegible] Abt G $[illegible] VG Fine [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 7 50
[illegible] Very Good [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from the [illegible] Sale [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 50
[illegible] Fine [illegible]
[illegible] Good [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

1838 Very Fine $[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1839 [illegible] Fine [illegible]
1840 SD VF $[illegible] Large Date Brilliant Unc [illegible]
1842 Very Fine [illegible]
1844 [illegible] EF-AU [illegible]
1845 Brilliant Uncirculated From the [illegible] Sale [illegible]
1846 [illegible] VG [illegible]
1853 Brilliant Uncirculated 11 [illegible]
1856 Beautiful brilliant Proof Extremely Rare 18 [illegible]
1857 choice of either LD or SD Unc, red and brown [illegible] [illegible]
1857 LD or SD EF [illegible]
Collection of ten different large cents Good [illegible]
Collection of ten different large cents Fine 16 [illegible]

FLYING EAGLE CENTS

1857 Abt G $[illegible] Fine $[illegible] EF $[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1858 Large letters Abt G $1 [illegible] VG $[illegible] Very Fine [illegible]
1858 Small letters Abt G $[illegible] Good $1 6[illegible] Fine $[illegible] Choice AU [illegible]



[illegible] [illegible] 1856 Flying Eagle cent. Obverse and reverse [illegible] 1859 cent [illegible] [illegible] As [illegible] two hundred 1856 [illegible] cents are known [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

1859 Good $[illegible] VG $[illegible] Fine [illegible]
[illegible] Good [illegible]
[illegible] Very Good [illegible]
[illegible] Good $[illegible] Very Good [illegible]
[illegible] Good $[illegible] Fine [illegible]

1861 Copper-nickel. Abt. G. $1.00, VF. $4.50, Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1861 Bronze. Abt. G. $.60, EF. $6.00, Brilliant Uncirculated 15.50

1864 Lincoln ribbon. Good. $2.75, Brown Unc. 57.50

1865 Abt. Good 55

1866 Good. $3.75. VF. $12.50. AU. 27.50

1869 Abt. G. $5.00. Good. $14.75, Brilliant Proof 72.50

1870 Good. $4.75. Brilliant Uncirculated 11.00

1871 Fair, space filler. $3.75. Brill. Unc. 57.50

1872 Good 11.00

1874 Good. $1.50. VG. $2.50. Fine 5.00

1875 Abt. G. $1.25. Good. $2.00. VG. $2.65. VF. rough surface 5.50

1877 Abt. G., sharp date 25.00

1879 EF 1.00

1880 Brilliant Proof 13.25

1881 Brilliant Proof 13.25

1882 EF. $3.00. Brilliant Proof 12.50

1883 Brilliant Proof 10.00

1885 EF. $7.50. Brown Uncirculated. $12.50. Brilliant Uncirculated 16.50

1886 Brilliant Proof 15.50

1887 Brilliant Proof 12.50

1888 Brilliant Proof 11.00

1889 Brilliant Proof 12.50

1895 AU 3.50

1897 Brilliant Uncirculated 7.50

1899 Brilliant Uncirculated 6.00

1901 Brilliant Uncirculated. From a choice part-roll of these pieces. $3.85. Five pieces 17.50

1909-S Indian. Good. $30.00. Extremely Fine 55.00

Special. Five different late dates and Fine or better for 2.25

LINCOLN CENTS

1909 V.D.B., important type coin. Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1909-S V.D.B. VG. $11.00. Fine. $45.50. AU. $65.50. Brilliant Unc. 82.50

1909-S VG. $6.75. Fine. $9.00. VF. $11.25. EF. 14.00

1911 Matte Proof 17.50

1912-D Uncirculated, small planchet flaw on reverse. Ask to see this one. $17.00. Brilliant Uncirculated perfect 28.50

1913 Matte Proof 16.50

1913-S EF. $4.25. Brilliant Unc. 18.00

1913-D Brown AU 5.00

1914-D VG. $2.00. Fine 5.00

1915-D Brilliant Uncirculated 7.50

1918-S AU 7.00

1919-S AU 8.00

1927-S Uncirculated, reddish-brown 15.00

1931 Brilliant Uncirculated, not common in this condition 5.25

1931-D AU. $8.75. Brilliant Uncirculated, scarce 20.00

1931-S AU. $12.75; Brilliant Uncirculated 16.75

1955 Clone. AU [illegible]

1955 Double die obverse. Far rarer than the 1909-S V.D.B. judging from the number we have seen. The last time we advertised these coins was a year ago in July, 1958. Our small supply of a scant half-dozen pieces was gone within a few days, and we could have sold over a hundred more if we had them. The coin was not listed in the Guidebook at that time. Now that it is listed, we will venture a prediction that specimens in Very Fine or better condition will be selling over $100 within a year or so. With such a short supply and such a great demand the investment possibilities are obvious. We offer choice EF specimens for $55.50 and AU specimens with traces of original coloring for 65.00

TWO-CENT PIECES

1864 small motto. VG. $22.00. Choice reddish-brown Uncirculated, rare 117.50

1864 large motto. Good. $.10. Fine. $1.00. EF 2.25

1865 G. $.55. VG. $1.00. Fine. $1.25. VF. $1.65. AU. $3.50. Brilliant Uncirculated 6.00

1866 Fine. $2.25. VF. $3.00. EF 4.00

1867 Abt. G. $.50. Good. $.85. VG. $1.25. Brilliant Uncirculated 12.50

1868 Good. $.65. VG 1.00

1869/8 overdate. Unlisted in the Guidebook. Mentioned in the Standard Catalogue on page 81. VG, rare 17.50

1869 Fine. $2.00. Brilliant Unc. 14.50

1870 Very Fine 4.00

1871 Good. $2.00. Brilliant Proof 42.00

NICKEL THREE-CENT PIECES

1865 first year of issue. EF. $1.50. Brilliant Proof, the rarest Proof nickel three-cent piece 165.00

1866 Brilliant Unc. interesting rev. die breaks 4.75

1867 AU. $2.00. Brilliant Proof 19.00

1868 Brilliant Uncirculated 4.25

1866 G $[illegible] Fine [illegible]
1867 Brilliant Uncirculated $[illegible]
Brilliant Proof [illegible]
1868 Fine to [illegible] $[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated $[illegible] Brilliant Proof [illegible]
1869 Extremely Fine [illegible]
1870 Fine $[illegible] VF $[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated $[illegible] Brilliant Proof [illegible]
1871 Fine $[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1872 VF $[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1873 Brilliant Proof. Rarest Date in Proofs. [illegible] Proofs exist. Unique for circulation [illegible]
1874 Fine $[illegible] Brilliant Proof $[illegible]
1875 Very Fine [illegible]
1876 Fine or better $[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated $[illegible] Brilliant Proof [illegible]
1877 Fine $[illegible] AU $[illegible] Brilliant Proof [illegible]
1878 VF $[illegible] Brilliant Proof [illegible]
1879 VF $[illegible] Brilliant Proof [illegible]

SILVER THREE-CENT PIECES

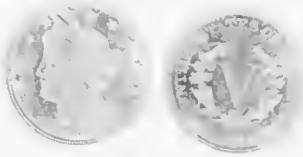
1851 Both varieties of [illegible] VG $[illegible] Fine [illegible]
1855 [illegible] date VG $[illegible] VF [illegible] small edge chip [illegible]
1856 Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1860 VG-Fine [illegible]
1862 Very Fine $[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1864 Beautiful, EF, extremely rare. Proof which found its way into circulation for a short time. If you need this date, here's a cheap one $[illegible] Brilliant Proof $[illegible]

NICKELS

Shield type

1866 Best value [illegible] G $[illegible] VG $[illegible] Fine $[illegible] VF $[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1867 Three types [illegible] Abt. G $[illegible] VG $[illegible] Fine [illegible]
1868 [illegible] important type [illegible] Fine [illegible]
1869 Fine $[illegible] VF $[illegible] Fine [illegible]
1870 Abt. G $[illegible] Very Fine [illegible]
1871 Fine $[illegible] EF $[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1872 Fine [illegible]
1873 Fine $[illegible] Uncirculated [illegible]
1874 Fine [illegible] $[illegible] Uncirculated [illegible]
1875 Fine [illegible] $[illegible] Uncirculated [illegible]
1876 Fine [illegible] Uncirculated [illegible]
1877 Brilliant Proof. Rarest Date in the series [illegible]
1878 Brilliant Proof. A few coins exist [illegible]
1879 Brilliant Proof. Another rarity [illegible]
1880 Good $1.00, Fine $2.00, EF [illegible] Brilliant Proof [illegible]

Liberty type



1883 no CENTS EF $1.00 Brilliant Proof [illegible]
1884 with CENTS Abt. Good [illegible]
1884 Good $2.[illegible] Fine [illegible]
1886 Brilliant Proof [illegible]
1888 Brilliant Proof [illegible]
1889 Fine or better [illegible]
1890 Abt. G $1.25 Good [illegible]
1891 Bill plates of the 1900 A. Fine or better [illegible]
1901 Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1902 Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1903 D. G $[illegible] Abt. Fine [illegible]
1912 S VG Fine [illegible]

Buffalo type

1913 type I. Fine [illegible]
1913 type II. Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1913 D type I. Fine $[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1913 D type II. G VG [illegible]
1914 B. Abt. Fine [illegible]
1914 Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1914 D Very Fine $[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1915 S VG $[illegible] Fine $[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1916 [illegible] EF [illegible] $[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated $[illegible] Matte Proof [illegible]
1916 D Fine or better [illegible]
1916 S Abt. [illegible]
1917 D [illegible]
1917 S Very Fine [illegible]
1918 7-D [illegible]
[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1918 D Fine VF [illegible]

1919-S Fine 3.75
1920 Brilliant Uncirculated 7.25
1920-S Fine 3.00
1921 Brilliant Uncirculated, beautiful specimens from an original roll each $10.00. Five pieces for 45.00
1921-S Very Good 3.00
1923-S Very Good 1.00
1924 Brilliant Uncirculated 7.75
1924-S Fine 1.75
1925 Brilliant Uncirculated, choice coins from an original roll. Each $7.75. Five for 30.00
1925-S Fine 3.75
1926 Brilliant Uncirculated 5.50
1926-S Fine 6.25
1927 Brilliant Uncirculated 1.50
1927-S Fine 1.25
1931-S Brilliant Uncirculated 9.75

Jefferson type

1938 Brilliant Proof, important type coin, first year of issue 8.00
1939 Brilliant Proof 6.00
1940-S Brilliant Uncirculated 10.75
1941 Brilliant Proof 5.00
1942 with Pennsylvania Bell Proof 1.75

HALF DIMES

1834 VF $1.75; Brilliant Unc. 8.00
1837 Liberty seated, **no stars.** Good $8.00; VG, but with edge damage $5.00; Choice EF 22.50
1839 large stars Very Fine 3.50
1839 Brilliant Uncirculated 10.50
1839-O VG; reverse struck from sheltered die; interesting 5.00
1853 without arrows at date. Rare as most of the no arrows mintage was remelted for recoinage into the lighter with-arrows coins. Brilliant Uncirculated 45.00
1853 Arrows EF $2.50; AU 1.50
1856 Brilliant Uncirculated 6.50
1857 Brilliant Uncirculated 5.25
1860 Brilliant Uncirculated 1.75
1861 Brilliant Uncirculated 5.50
1862 Brilliant Uncirculated 5.25
1866-S Extremely Fine 9.75
1867 Brilliant Uncirculated $29.50; Brill. Proof 4.00
1868 Brilliant Proof 28.50
1868-S AU 7.75
1869 Brilliant Proof 28.50
1871 Brilliant Uncirculated 7.00
1873 Brilliant Proof 25.50
1875-S Brilliant Uncirculated 10.75

DIMES

1823 2 overdate Fine 6.00
1824 2 overdate Fair 2.25

Liberty seated type

1837 **no stars.** Important type coin. Fair $4.00; Abt. Fine 16.00
1838-O no stars. Fair, space filled $4.00; Good $14.00; Very Good 17.50
1838 Large stars VG 1.75
1839 Brilliant Uncirculated 12.00
1839-O Good 2.00
1840-O Good 1.50
1841 drapery Choice AU 6.00
1844 (Does anyone know how this date came to be referred to as the "Orphan Annie dime?") Very Good, rare 15.00
1845-O Very Good 4.00
1846 Good, scarce date 7.25
1852-O Fine 1.50
1853 without arrows at date. Brilliant Uncirculated. Fully equal to lot #36 of our November 26, 1958 auction which was estimated at $75 and realized $77.50 on an even higher bid. A definite rarity in this condition 77.50
1853 arrows AU 4.50
1854-O Very Fine $3.00; Brilliant Uncirculated 8.50
1856 small date EF 3.00
1856-O last two figures of date recut; the last cut half again lower than the original figure. The first we have noticed. VG 5.00
1859 Brilliant Proof 37.50
1859-O Brilliant Uncirculated 9.75
1860 Brilliant Proof 37.50
1860-O Good condition. One of the classical varieties of the dime series 49.50
1864 AU, small hole. Scarce date 4.00
1865-S Very Good/Good 1.75
1869-S Brilliant Uncirculated 29.50
1872 EF $3.00; Brilliant Unc. 7.25
1873 closed 3 Very Fine 2.50
1873 Arrows Abt. Good 2.25
1876 Brilliant Uncirculated $4.25; Brilliant Proof 15.00
1876-S AU 3.00
1877-CC Brilliant Uncirculated 6.25
1886 Brilliant Uncirculated 1.75
1887-S AU $4.50; Brilliant Unc. 7.75
1890 Brilliant Uncirculated 1.75
1891 Brilliant Uncirculated 1.25
1891-O VG or better 1.00
1891-S AU $4.50; Brilliant Unc. 8.75

Barber type

1892 Brilliant Uncirculated 5.95
1892 Proof, brilliant obverse, cloudy reverse 19.00
1893-S Brilliant Uncirculated 36.50
1894 Very Good 2.00
1897 AU $4.00; Brilliant Unc. 8.00

[illegible]

1913-S Brilliant Uncirculated. [illegible] [illegible]

1914 Brilliant Proof. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Mercury type

[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1916-D [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1921 Very Good [illegible] [illegible]

1921-D VG [illegible] Abt. Fine [illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

[illegible] Abt. Fine [illegible]

[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1927-D Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

[illegible]

TWENTY-CENT PIECES

[illegible] Very Fine [illegible] Proof [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]-S [illegible] VF EF [illegible]

[illegible] CC G VG [illegible]

QUARTERS

[illegible]

[illegible] Very Good [illegible]

[illegible] 25c over 50c error reverse. Fine [illegible]

[illegible]-S Good [illegible]

[illegible] Very Fine [illegible]

[illegible]

1842-O [illegible] date. VG Fine [illegible]

[illegible]-O Very Good [illegible]

[illegible]

1879 Brilliant Proof [illegible]

[illegible] Brilliant Proof [illegible]

[illegible] Brilliant Proof [illegible]

Barber type

[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

[illegible]

1901-S [illegible]

[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

Liberty standing type

[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

[illegible]

1919-S VG plus $8.75, Sharp Very Fine [illegible]
1920-S EF with lustre [illegible]
1921 Abt. G (numerals to the left figure of the date, reversed) [illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1925-S VG, date weak [illegible]
1924-S Fine [illegible]
1926-S VG $1.50, Fine $1.[illegible], Uncirculated, slightness rubbed $3.[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

Washington type

[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
[illegible]-D Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
[illegible]-S Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
[illegible]-D Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

HALF DOLLARS

1801 Abt. Fine $4.75, Fine [illegible] small area of pitting below the words benefit HIS and STATES. Does not affect the coin to any great extent [illegible]
1805 4 overdate VG-Fine. One of the most popular coins of the half dollar series [illegible]
1807 old type with heraldic eagle VG, holed at top $[illegible]; Good $6.00, Fine $12.50; Very Fine [illegible]
1809 **Brilliant Uncirculated**, unusually sharp and well-lettered border. One of the finest specimens we have seen of this date [illegible]
1811 Small 8, Very Fine [illegible]
1812 Brilliant Uncirculated. A great buy. This coin cost us $2.5[illegible] over a year ago [illegible]
1815 Fine $4.00, AU interesting lamenations on obverse above the date [illegible]
1814 5 overdate VG-Fine. Not common [illegible]
1814 Very Fine [illegible]
1815 the rarest date of the bust-type halves. **Brilliant Uncirculated**, a rarity in this condition. Seldom offered [illegible]
1817/5 overdate Very Fine, tinge of lustre remaining between the obverse stars [illegible]
1817 Very Fine [illegible]
1818/7 overdate Fine $4.50, Extremely Fine [illegible]
1818 VG $2.50, Fine $5.75, Very Fine [illegible]
1819 EVI [illegible]
18[illegible] G Scarce Fine $[illegible] Very Fine [illegible]
1824 Overdate EVI 4.25
1824 Very Fine 4.00
1825 Very Fine 4.00
1826 VF $4.00, Extremely Fine 4.[illegible]
1826 unusual variety with pronounced double profile. Fine 5.00
1826 6 overdate Extremely Fine 25.00
1828 Very Fine $4.25, EF $5.00, Brilliant Uncirculated 11.00
1828 square-base 2, with knob Fine 8.25
1828 curl-base 2 Fine $5.00, VF $[illegible].00, AU 15.00
1829/8 overdate EF $12.50, Separated from Uncirculated by just the barest rubbing on the high parts of the obverse. Fully brilliant with complete original lustre 18.50
1830 VF $4.00; AU 6.75
1831 Fine $8.00, AU $6.00, Brilliant Unc. 12.50
1832 Small letters VF $4.00; AU 6.75
1832 Large letters, with characteristic large die break from eagle's right (observer's left) wing to branch. Scarce. VF $7.00, AU 11.00
1832 rare punctuated date variety with small dash before the first cipher of the date. VF-EF. We noticed an EF specimen of this variety advertised for $75 last December 29.50
1833 Fine $3.00, Brilliant Uncir. 12.00
1834 Fine $2.75, VF $3.50, EF 4.50
1834 Large date, large letters VF $4.50, AU 8.50
1835 AU $6.50, Proof, original, with some light rubbing. Rare $5.00
1836 lettered edge AU $5.50, Uncirculated with prooflike surface 12.00

Smaller bust type, with reeded edge

1836 rare Very Good $32.50, VF-EF $75.00, Extremely Fine 8[illegible].50
1837 Very Fine $8.75, AU 1[illegible].50
1838 EF $14.00, Brilliant Uncirculated $6.00
1839 VF $9.[illegible], EF $15.00, Brilliant Uncirculated 12.50
1839-O EF 8.50

Liberty seated type

1839 no drapery from elbow VF Scarce [illegible]
1839 with drapery G $[illegible], VG $5.50, Very Fine [illegible]

1880 small reverse letters. Extremely Fine [illegible]

1880-O G $2.00; VF-EF [illegible]

1881 EF [illegible] $5.00. Choice EF [illegible]

1881-O [illegible] with spectacularly recut date, most of the cut for the high part of the base of 1 shows a second date or shadow in the original position. Especially rare 1881-O double date, see page 101 of the Standard Catalog of Coins [illegible]

1882-O VF-EF [illegible]

1883-O Arrows and rays. G $5.00; VG [illegible]

1884 VG $7.25. Fine [illegible]

1884-O Very Good $2.00; Very Fine [illegible]

1885-O VF-EF $5.75. Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1886 AU, reverse pin scratches $5.00. Brilliant Uncirculated, however so weakly struck that a few of the reverse stars are almost not visible. Unusual. Let's say the grade [illegible]

1888-O Extremely Fine [illegible]

1888-O VF, pin scratches on obverse [illegible]

1889-S another coin with scratches. This coin is Fine and has initials on the obverse. Scarce [illegible]

1861 Confederate States of America half dollar

One of five known. [illegible] 1861. Unique [illegible] this significance and rarity. Fine $18,500. Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1866-O The variety with a doubled stem on Liberty's nose. Doubled Eagle, the same obverse die used to strike the gold coins of Confederate States of America. Half dollars. Valuable for its historical interest. Extremely Fine specimen [illegible]

1866-S VG $5.75. Fine $12. Very Fine [illegible]

1866 Brilliant Proof. Only [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible]

1866-S [illegible] IN GOD WE TRUST. VG [illegible]

1867-S Fine [illegible]

1868 VF $5.75. Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1868-S VF $7.50. Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1869 CC Good [illegible]

1869 Brilliant Proof [illegible]

1869-S Good $[illegible] [illegible]

without drapery at elbow. Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1870-CC Very Good [illegible]

1872 Brilliant Proof [illegible]

1884 Proof. Two pin-sized imperfections in obverse field. A bargain for [illegible]

1885 Brilliant Proof [illegible]

1884 Brilliant Proof. A few tiny lines [illegible]

1885 Brilliant Proof. Largest subject treated of all fields [illegible]

1886 Brilliant Proof. Rarer than the 1886 in both Proof and regular coinages [illegible]

1889 Brilliant Proof [illegible]

1890 Brilliant Proof $8.00

Barber type

1892-O Very Fine $28.00. Uncirculated, slight friction. A bargain at the Guidebook EF price of $55.00. Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1892-S Brilliant Uncirculated. Rare and well worth full Guidebook valuation of [illegible]

1894-S Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1896 Brilliant Proof [illegible]

1896-S pace filler, $6.00. Abt. G [illegible]

1897 Brilliant Proof [illegible]

1897-S Abt. Good. Rare [illegible]

1898 Brilliant Proof. A few hairlines [illegible]

1901 Brilliant Proof [illegible]

1901-S Very Good [illegible]

1902-O Good [illegible]

1903-S Good [illegible]

1904-S Good [illegible]

1905-S Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1906-S VF-EF $5.75. Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1910 Good, scarce [illegible]

1910-S Very Fine [illegible]

1911-D Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1912-S Fine $5.50. Very Fine [illegible]

1913 Good $6.00. VG $7.50. Brilliant Proof, rare [illegible]

1914 Brilliant Proof. Only 80 pieces coined. A good specimen at this rare date [illegible]

1915 G-VG $6.50. Very Good [illegible]

1915-S Fine $[illegible]. VF $[illegible]. Brilliant Fine [illegible]

Liberty walking type

1916 Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1917 D [illegible] Fine [illegible]

1917-S [illegible] Fine $[illegible]. AU [illegible]

1918 [illegible] EF $[illegible]. Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1918-S Fine $[illegible]. VF-EF [illegible]

1919 Very Fine [illegible]

1919-S Extremely Fine [illegible]

1921-S AU [illegible]

1933-S EF $[illegible]. AU [illegible]

[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]

1937 Brilliant Uncirculated 3.50
1938 Brilliant Uncirculated 4.25
1939 Brilliant Uncirculated 4.50
1939-D Brilliant Uncirculated 5.00

Franklin type

1948 First year of issue. Brilliant Uncirculated 50

SILVER DOLLARS

1799 perfect, late, branch without berries. VG 21.00
1859-O Brilliant Uncirculated 37.50
1860 Brilliant Proof 85.00
1865 Brilliant Proof 89.50
1869 Brilliant Proof 69.50
1871 Very Good 7.75
1872 Good 6.25

Morgan type

1878 [illegible] feathers. Brill. Proof 47.00
1878 7 8tf EF 4.00
1878-CC Fine 3.75
1881-S Brilliant Uncirculated 1.85
1882 Brilliant Proof 47.50
1886 Brilliant Proof 54.50
1888 Brilliant Proof 55.00
1889-CC scarce. VG $9.50. Fine 15.00
1890-S Brilliant Uncirculated 2.00
1895-S Very Good 12.50
1897-S Brilliant Uncirculated 2.00
1905-S Very Fine [illegible]

Set of Morgan dollars 1878 to 1921, complete except for the 1895. Includes the 1878 7 8tf. The 1895-S is VF, the 1905-O is Fine. Nearly all of the other coins are Brilliant Uncirculated. This set retails according to current listings in the Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine for over $625. This set, in pages and albums, is specially priced at 450.00

Peace type

1934-S Fine or better $5.50. Choice EF 7.50
1935 Brilliant Uncirculated. Special 3.50

TRADE DOLLARS

1875-CC Brilliant Uncirculated 33.50
1875-S Extremely Fine 8.50
1876-S EF $8.75. Brilliant Unc. 17.00
1877 Extremely Fine 7.75
1877-S Fine $6.75. Very Fine 7.75
1878-S AU, proof-like surface 10.00
1880 Brilliant Proof, scarce 51.00

UNITED STATES GOLD COINS

Gold dollars

1849 Open wreath, small head, no L on truncation of neck. Listed in the Standard Catalogue and priced at $75.00 in Uncirculated condition. The same reference on page 155 notes the coin as being "Very rare." The specimen here offered is in perfect Uncirculated condition. A prize for a collection of this series [illegible]
1849 open wreath, L on neck. VF $19.75. Brilliant Uncirculated [illegible]
1855 Choice AU 18.50
1857 Fine, but with edge imperfection. Worth 7.5[illegible]
1862 Brilliant Uncirculated 25.00
1874 Brilliant Uncirculated 27.50

Quarter Eagles

1871 Very Fine. Rare date 27.50
1898 Brilliant Unc., proof-like 25.00
1905 Brilliant Uncirculated 22.50
1907 Brilliant Uncirculated 22.50
1925-D Brilliant Uncirculated 16.50
1928 Brilliant Uncirculated 16.50

Commemorative Gold coins

1917 McKinley Memorial gold dollar. Brilliant Uncirculated. Scarce 35.00
1922 Grant gold dollar, without star. Brilliant Uncirculated 107.50

Misc. Gold items:

1854 California gold octagonal dollar. Variety Burnie #17. Extremely Fine 50.00
1905 Lewis and Clark gold half dollar. Proof 17.50

MISCELLANEOUS NUMISMATIC ITEMS

Sets, unusual items, last minute acquisitions, etc.

(1) **Rare mint error:** 1864 L Indian cent struck once, then struck again half off-center. The 1864 and the L are visible on the second-striking portion. Choice Extremely Fine condition. A showpiece as a mint error of one of the most desirable dates of the Indian cent series. If this description sounds interesting, request to examine this coin on approval. We're sure you will like it. [illegible]
(2) **Another prize mint error.** Lincoln cent with nearly half of the coin overstruck with the dies of a Liberty standing quarter! Sharp EF condition. As with the 1864 L cent it's probably difficult to decide to buy it without seeing it first. Ask for it on approval. This "double denomination" coin is one of the most unusual mint errors we have ever seen. [illegible]
(3) **Series 1934 D $5 obverse; $10 reverse double-denomination note.** Crisp uncirculated. Double denom

[illegible] of the [illegible] of the [illegible] A [illegible] for [illegible] collection. [illegible]

(4) 1893 U. S. Proof set. Complete from the Indian cent to the silver dollars. Six pieces, all brilliant choice specimens in a plastic holder. Catalogs $228.50 in the Guide book. A real buy for only [illegible]

(5) Complete set of Liberty nickels, all Proof [illegible] from 1883 to 1912. All Brilliant Uncirculated with the exception of five Proofs. Housed in a custom plastic holder. Current Guidebook value $556.50. Priced at [illegible]

(6) Complete set of Buffalo nickels, all dates and mintmarks 1913 to 1938-D. Good to EF condition. A much better than average circulated set. Fully worth [illegible]

(7) Collection of forty different Hard Times tokens. Housed in National pages. An excellent beginning for an advanced set of these coins. Condition averages Fine or better. 6.50

(8) Store card of Wm. Idler, former Philadelphia coin dealer around the turn of the last century. Reverse inscription. Obverse: Lovett's beautiful Liberty head as used on the C.S.A. cents. Size and thickness of a copper-nickel cent. Brilliant Proof. [illegible]

(9) Collection of twenty different tokens of Coventry, England, all dated in the 1790's. Large cent size. Condition ranges from EF to Proof. Interesting group. [illegible]

(10) 1951 Festival of Britain proof set. 10 coins. [illegible]

(11) U. S. Continental currency, various varieties dated 1778 to 1779. Fine or better condition. Each $1.50. Two diff. $8.00. Five diff. [illegible]

U. S. PATTERN COINS

Pattern Cents

1858 Cent (AW 171) Obverse: [illegible] 1858 quarter eagle. Reverse: with ONE CENT within a wreath of olive leaves. Small (quarter eagle) size. Reeded edge. Nickel alloyed with silver. Proof. [illegible]

[illegible] Cent (AW [illegible]) [illegible] Obverse [illegible] Reverse [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Cent (AW [illegible]) [illegible]

[illegible] Cent (AW [illegible]) Obverse: [illegible] Reverse: One [illegible] [illegible] but without [illegible] apex. Copper-nickel. Proof. [illegible] November [illegible] $155.00. [illegible] Proof [illegible] for over $[illegible] this [illegible] good buy for [illegible]

1858 Cent (AW 261) Obverse: Indian head same [illegible] as used for regular issue Indian beginning in 1859. Reverse: Oak wreath without shield. Copper-nickel proof. Rare. Should sell quickly for [illegible]

Pattern Nickels

[illegible] Nickel (AW [illegible]) Obverse: Identical to the regular issue Shield nickel. Reverse: Standard [illegible] type as used in 186[illegible] and later years. A transitional type however struck in bronze instead of the regular nickel composition metal. Proof. Rare. [illegible]

1883 Nickel (AW [illegible]) Obverse and reverse identical as type to the 1883 [illegible] without CENTS. Proof. Struck in copper. We notice that this [illegible] when struck in nickel is bringing [illegible] price [illegible] A Detroit dealer [illegible] two 1883 [illegible] (in nickel metal) for the [illegible] Anyway [illegible] copper [illegible] [illegible]

Pattern Dimes

[illegible] Dime (AW [illegible]) Obverse: [illegible] Reverse: [illegible] ONE DIME [illegible] Proof. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Dime (AW [illegible]) [illegible] similar to the [illegible] of the Morgan silver dollars. [illegible]

circular wreath enclosing wording. Struck in silver. Proof. There are a number of records in the $80-$100 range for this coin. This one [illegible]

1879 Dime (AW 1628) Obverse identical to preceding (Morgan dollar design). Reverse [illegible] wreath of corn, wheat, strawberries, etc. enclosing wording. Silver. Proof. [illegible]

1879 Dime (AW 16[illegible]) Same as the preceding coin except this one is struck in [illegible] instead of silver. Proof. [illegible]

Pattern Half Dollars (Commemoratives)

[illegible] A N A convention [illegible] here-[illegible] two specimens are known [illegible] [illegible]

1922 Grant With Star commemorative half dollar. Unique trial piece of the obverse die on a heavy brass planchet. Probably struck to see what the star would look like. Unique, to our knowledge. As a trial piece of one of the rarest and most desirable commemorative half dollars, it is unmatched for historical and numismatic interest. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. [illegible]25.00

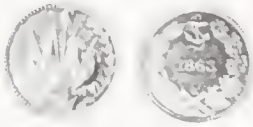
Pattern Gold Coins

1922 Grant With Star commemorative gold dollar. Trial piece in brass. Obverse regular die impression. Reverse impression of the hub (incuse). Planchet cracked from expansion during striking. An ideal companion to the above Grant with star half dollar trial piece. Probably unique. This was lot [illegible] in the 1958 A N A convention auction. [illegible]

1808 Half eagle (AW 28). Restrike of later years using a rusted 1808 obverse die together with a heraldic eagle reverse die as used for regular coinage in the years 1795-1807. Of similar nature to the 1811 restrike half cent which is a combination of an obverse die with an irrelevant reverse-producing a restrike of a coin which never existed in original form. Struck in silver, plain edge. Listed and unpriced on page 174 of the 18th edition Standard Catalogue. Much rarer than the 1804 restrike half eagle which is priced in the same reference at $300.00. Our price. $25.00

1865 Double eagle (AW 169). 1865 transitional double eagle, obverse of 1865, reverse of 1866 (with motto). Beautiful copper. Proof. Rare. As the 1865 transitional double eagle is virtually unobtainable in gold, this copper piece should find a deserving home in a collection of transitionals, pattern coins or of U. S. gold coins. 195.00

CIVIL WAR CENTS



Civil War cents were issued to fill the demand for small change during the war between the states. They were issued by many different political and commercial interests in which accounts for the rich and interesting variety of designs available. The majority of the pieces are Indian cent size, struck in copper or bronze, and are of the years 1863 and 1864.

New books and reference materials are being readied for the Civil War cent series. A Civil War cents are the only readily obtainable coins directly connected with the war (The restrikes of the C.S.A. cent and half dollar sell for upwards of several hundred dollars each when they are offered) they should form an important part of any U. S. coin collection or type set. The 1861 centennial celebration will probably see an interest in Civil War cents as great as, if not greater than, the interest in C.S.A. paper money. At the present time Civil War cents

[illegible] very [illegible] New [illegible] a small [illegible] these [illegible]

[illegible] with [illegible] different [illegible] in a separate envelope. The [illegible] representative type [illegible]

	Five diff. Civil War cents	25 diff. Civil War cents	100 diff. Civil War cents
Very Fine	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brilliant Uncirculated	$12.50	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Early Coins of America by Sylvester S. Crosby. 1875. Reprinted in limited quantity in 19[illegible]. 381 pages of illustrations, descriptions and historical research data concerning American colonial coins. The standard reference. [illegible]

Hard Times Tokens by Lyman H. Low. 1900. 1955 reprint which includes the original Low reference plus the Adams plates, Dunham easy finding list and a guide to current market prices. [illegible]

United States Copper Cents 1816-1857 by Howard R. Newcomb. 284 pages plus plates. Descriptive data on varieties of large cents 1816 and later. Original copy $[illegible] reprint [illegible]

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Varieties of the 1787 Fugio Cent by Eric P. Newman. Also includes descriptive information concerning the 1776 Continental dollars. [illegible]

Proof Coins Struck by the U. S. Mint 1817 – 1921 by Walter H. Breen. This reference is particularly important for the information on Proofs before 1858. Contains [illegible] listing. [illegible]

So-Called Dollars by Richard D. Kenney. Descriptions of dollar size medals issued by various expositions, etc. [illegible]

The U. S. Patterns of 1792 by Walter H. Breen. A study of the first patterns of the U. S. Mint. [illegible]

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Silver Coinages of the U. S. Mint 1794 – 1916 by Walter H. Breen. Notes on the [illegible] series. [illegible]

Secret History of the Gobrecht Coinages by Walter H. Breen. New [illegible] concerning Gobrecht dollars and other contemporary issues. [illegible]

Standard Paper Money Catalogue, part II, Wayte Raymond. [illegible] Descriptive [illegible] of U. S. [illegible] currency. [illegible]

Early New York State Tokens by Wayte Raymond. [illegible] [illegible]

National Coin Pages [illegible] [illegible]

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PRICES REALIZED — Empire Coin Company auction of March 31, 1959

Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price
1	$ 39.00	51	$ 80.00	101	$ 18.00	151	$ 27.00	201	$ 8.00	251	$ 31.50	301	$ 19.00
2.	21.00	52	56.00	102	16.00	152	25.00	202	9.00	252	36.00	302.	15.00
3.	77.00	53	56.00	103	8.50	153	28.50	203	12.00	253.	7.00	303	18.00
4	110.00	54	45.00	104	60.00	154	32.50	204	3.00	254	25.00	304	22.00
5.	110.00	55	78.75	105	60.00	155	26.00	205.	13.00	255	28.00	305	31.50
6	16.50	56	61.00	106	6.50	156	12.00	206	11.00	256	45.00	306	17.50
7	125.00	57	322.50	107	8.50	157	110.00	207	12.60	257	8.00	307	16.00
8.	35.00	58	125.00	108	25.00	158	30.00	208	7.10	258	18.00	308.	6.00
9	27.50	59	245.00	109	5.00	159	15.00	209.	30.00	259.	250.00	309	10.00
10	19.75	60	62.50	110	4.00	160	55.00	210	31.00	260.	6.25	310.	11.00
11	30.50	61	156.00	111	15.00	161	50.00	211	21.00	261	14.00	311.	47.00
12	17.50	62.	87.00	112	22.50	162.	65.00	212.	14.50	262.	17.00	312	8.10
13	21.00	63	82.00	113	15.00	163	62.50	213	15.00	263	5.00	313.	87.50
14	12.00	64	20.00	114	5.50	164.	65.00	214.	19.00	264.	38.00	314	26.00
15	10.00	65	145.00	115.	15.00	165.	25.00	215	12.00	265	27.00	315.	15.50
16	24.00	66	50.50	116	7.00	166	6.00	216.	12.75	266.	7.25	319.	51.00
17	23.00	67	68.00	117	13.50	167.	6.00	217	10.00	267	7.25	320.	10.00
18	87.25	68	57.50	118	34.00	168	19.00	218.	21.00	268.	68.00	321.	10.50
19	121.00	69	6.00	119	18.00	169	17.00	219	11.00	269.	6.00	322	8.00
20	82.00	70	45.00	120	12.50	170	20.00	220.	6.00	270.	16.00	323.	25.00
21.	78.00	71	56.00	121	11.00	171	28.95	221	17.00	271	7.25	324	10.00
22	165.00	72	61.00	122	8.00	172	37.50	222.	22.00	272	6.25	325.	17.50
23	66.00	73	57.00	123	11.40	173.	12.50	223.	38.50	273.	5.75	326	15.10
24	88.50	74	9.00	124.	10.90	174	16.50	224	8.80	274	57.50	327	295.00
25	6.50	75	33.00	125.	50.00	175	17.50	225	36.50	275.	5.75	328	60.00
26	33.00	76	50.00	126.	23.00	176	10.50	226	10.90	276.	21.55		
27	36.50	77	30.50	127	18.00	177	19.00	227.	77.50	277	186.00		
28	58.50	78	29.00	128	25.00	178	50.00	228	22.75	278.	6.50		
29.	115.00	79	16.00	129	15.50	179	137.00	229	12.00	279	12.00		
30.	10.00	80	30.00	130	33.00	180	18.00	230	20.00	280.	17.25		
31	71.00	81	34.50	131	11.00	181	87.50	231.	19.00	281	15.30		
32.	17.00	82.	17.00	132	5.00	182	9.00	232	25.00	282	6.50		
33	126.50	83	10.00	133	12.00	183	6.50	233	12.00	283	15.85		
34.	17.50	84	18.75	134	30.00	184	16.00	234	35.00	284.	21.25		
35	180.00	85	18.75	135	3.50	185	5.00	235.	15.00	285.	10.25		
36.	92.50	86	8.00	136	25.00	186	10.50	236	2.00	286	16.25		
37	61.00	87	22.50	137	8.00	187	18.00	237	2.00	287	5.00		
38.	305.00	88	31.00	138	9.25	188	3.95	238	30.25	288	20.00		
39	41.00	89	25.00	139	24.00	189	9.00	239	12.50	289	18.25		
40.	71.00	90	8.00	140	25.00	190	6.30	240	23.00	290.	22.00		
41	97.50	91	17.50	141	11.00	191	76.00	241	16.00	291	10.50		
42	50.00	92.	9.50	142.	13.10	192	1.00	242	9.00	292.	1.75		
43	27.50	93	8.30	143	9.25	193	25.00	243	16.00	293	16.00		
44	325.00	94	16.50	144	6.10	194	1.50	244	15.00	294.	11.00		
45.	13.00	95.	7.30	145	6.00	195	30.00	245	36.00	295	5.00		
46	22.00	96.	10.30	146.	19.50	196.	6.50	246	9.25	296.	26.00		
47	50.00	97.	1.30	147	16.00	197	13.00	247	17.00	297	9.00		
48	72.50	98	6.30	148	7.00	198	8.50	248	13.50	298	21.50		
49.	127.50	99	70.00	149	10.00	199	8.50	249	31.00	299	17.50		
50.	87.50	100	19.50	150	30.00	200.	3.50	250	6.50	300	7.50		

Empire Topics presents an article by Eric P. Newman, well known author in the field of colonial American numismatics. Mr. Newman's works include the standard reference for Fugio cents, Continental dollars and colonial Virginia coinage. "The Secret of the Good Samaritan Shilling", Mr. Newman's latest writing, has recently been published by the American Numismatic Society.

The present article is a request for information concerning the somewhat enigmatic Machin's Mills, a private New York state mint in the late 1780's.

A search for facts adding to the knowledge of . . .

THE MACHIN'S MILLS MINT NEAR NEWBURGH, N. Y.

by Eric P. Newman

What occurred in the mysterious operation of the mint for the coinage of coppers erected at Orange Lake, New York, about 1786? When Thomas Machin, a hero of the American Revolution, used land of Governor George Clinton of New York for a "money-making" venture it was hoped that the state of New York would approve a coining franchise for his association as had been granted to others in the neighboring states of Connecticut, Vermont, New Jersey and Massachusetts. Since that did not materialize the group turned to the unauthorized coinage of coppers. If we only knew more about what coins they made we might answer many questions about American coinage during the period before the Constitution.

Genuine and counterfeit British halfpence were circulated freely in the United States before and after the Revolution, and the profit in manufacturing a few more seemed attractive—particularly at Machin's Mills because there was no law against counterfeiting copper in New York at that time. The coins struck at Machin's Mills are as much a part of American numismatics as any other series—even though most of them were imitation British halfpence. Some are dated 1776, 1778, 1787 and 1788, dates when no genuine British halfpence were minted. There are hundreds of varieties of British halfpence dated from 1770 to 1775, and a few dated 1781, 1784 and 1785. While virtually all of these are of British or Irish origin, a few may be Machin's Mills or other American pieces. Many a collector's junk box has American pieces of this type in it, but there they remain unidentified. The Vermont, Connecticut and New Jersey pieces which are candidates for a Machin's Mills source at least are known as well as those with New York and Federal insignia. Yet which were made in Machin's Mills is unknown. It is not even known what coins are referred to in the Connecticut mint report where it is said that Maj. Eli Leavenworth had coppers made in New York (Machin's Mills) which were similar to Connecticut coinages.

For over ten years the writer has been gathering data on Machin's Mills to write up the subject and sincerely needs the cooperation of many numismatists. If the joint efforts of everyone who has any relative data were pooled substantial further progress can result. We are on the threshold of adding a new series of American coins. No fact is too obvious to be rested on prior statement exempt from challenge; no eighteenth century George III British halfpenny too unimportant to examine. What can you add to the subject?

The records of Thomas Machin are still to be located. They were used by Jeptha R. Sims in *The History of Schoharie County* in 1845 and their whereabouts are unknown. In *The History of Newburgh* by Ruttenber, and the *History of Orange County* by Eager there are comments about the mint. Hickcox was the first numismatist to comment, then Crosby (pp. 172, 190-202, 290, 319 of *Early Coins of America*) adds more data. C. Wyllys Betts first tried to identify Machin's imitation British halfpence in his pamphlet "Counterfeit Halfpence". Kurth in the February 1942 Numismatist pushes the frontier forward, then Breen in the January 1952 Numismatist described the amazing Fairfield County hoard. In the *Centennial Publication of the American Numismatic Society* the article of the undersigned entitled "A Newly Discovered Coin Solves a Vermont Numismatic Enigma", attempts to explain the relationship between the Vermont coinage and Machin's Mills imitation British halfpence.

Even the term "Bungtown coppers" needs clarification. Many writers have stated that this expression refers to coppers with unofficial legends such as GREGORY III PON. GANGES III RATE, BRITAIN'S HAPPY ISLE or BONNY GIRLS. There is a great probability that Bungtown really means imitation British halfpence with standard legends rather than evasive legends, and that the coppers with evasive legends were never used in America. Has any reader ever found any evidence in letters, newspapers, diaries, hoards, or otherwise that coppers with unofficial legends ever circulated in America? Are not Machin's Mills halfpence some of the true Bungtowns?

Can you help with your ideas, your data and information as to your coins? Needles in a haystack can be found, particularly with the magnetism of numismatics.

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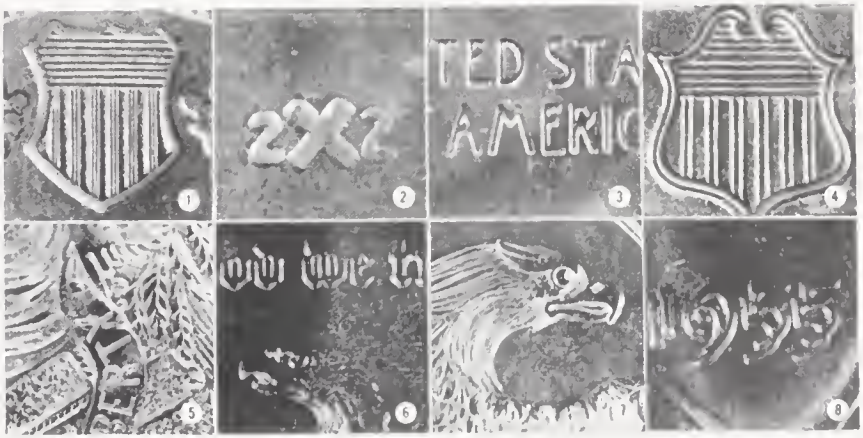
COIN QUIZ

This [illegible] coin quiz features something different. With the aid of a close-up extension we took pictures of certain parts of familiar United States coins. See how many illustrations you can identify correctly. From the results obtained by showing the pictures to office visitors we would say that a score of three or four correct identifications is average. The best score obtained in this small survey was seven out of eight correct. #5 and #7 seem to be the most difficult. The answers appear below.



Answers to Coin Quiz. (1) Shield at the top of the reverse of the Indian cent. (2) 2x2 in the right obverse field of the 1921 Alabama commemorative half dollar. (3) Lettering on the reverse of the Lincoln cent, type 1909-1958. (4) Shield at the center of the silver three cent piece obverse. (5) part of LIBERTY on the obverse of the trade dollar. (6) Reverse of the Morgan silver dollar. (7) Eagle found on the reverse of the trade dollar. (8) Close-up of the date of the 1955 double-die Lincoln cent.

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